

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A system for facilitating access to meta-information simultaneous with receipt of content material, comprising

5 a controller that is configured to:

store a reentry point corresponding to an index to the content material
corresponding to an initiation of access to the meta-information, and
facilitate a subsequent receipt of the content material corresponding to the reentry
point.

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2. The system of claim 1, wherein

the controller is further configured to initiate a recording of the content material at the
initiation of access to the meta-information.

15 3. The system of claim 2, wherein

the controller is further configured to initiate playout of the recording of the content
material upon termination of access to the meta-information.

4. The system of claim 2, further including

20 a recording device that is configured to effect the recording of the content material.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein

the controller is further configured to initiate access to the meta-information.

25 6. The system of claim 1, further including

a rendering device that is configured to effect rendering of at least one of: the content
material and the meta-information.

7. The system of claim 1, further including

30 an Internet access device that is configured to access the meta-information.

8. The system of claim 7, further including

a recording device that is configured to effect a recording of the content material.

9. The system of claim 1, wherein

5 the controller is coupled to a network, and, via commands that are communicated over the network, effects at least one of: the receipt of the request to access the meta-information, and a recording of the content material.

10. The system of claim 1, wherein

10 the meta-information facilitates a purchase of one or more items associated with the content material.

11. The system of claim 1, wherein

15 the controller is further configured to store access information based on the meta-information, to facilitate a subsequent access to information corresponding to the access information.

12. A method of facilitating access to meta-information, comprising:

receiving a request to access the meta-information while accessing content material, and
storing a reentry value corresponding to the request, that facilitates a subsequent access to
the content material corresponding to the reentry value.

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13. The method of claim 12, further including

initiating a recording of the content material in response to the request to access the meta-
information.

10 14. The method of claim 13, further including

initiating a playout of the recording of the content material upon termination of access to
the meta-information.

15. The method of claim 12, further including receiving the content material.

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16. The method of claim 12, further including accessing the meta-information.

17. A method of facilitating purchase of items, via access to meta-information, while accessing content material, comprising:

providing a control device that is configured to store a reentry value when the meta-information is accessed,

wherein the reentry value facilitates a subsequent access to the content material at a point corresponding to the reentry value.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the control device is further configured to commence a recording of the content material when the meta-information is accessed.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein

the control device is further configured to accept a user request to access the meta-information, and

the method further includes

accessing the meta-information based on the user request.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein

the control device is further configured to accept a user request to purchase an item related to the content material, and

the method further includes

effecting a purchase of the item based on the user request.

21. The method of claim 17, further including

providing a recorder for recording the content material.

22. Content material for processing by an end-user device comprising
an identification of one or more re-entry points in the content material,
wherein
the re-entry points facilitate a subsequent access to the content material, based on a
5 distraction point corresponding to a user request while accessing the content material.
23. Content material as claimed in claim 22, wherein
the content material includes related meta-information, and
at least one of the re-entry points is based on the distraction point corresponding to an
10 access to the meta-information.